

CITY OF BRAWLEY
March 7, 2017

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. §54954.2.

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Couchman @ 6:00 PM**

PRESENT: Couchman, Nava, Noriega, Wharton
ABSENT: Kastner-Jauregui

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Mike Neczuik, El Redentor Church**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Noriega**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Noriega/Wharton 4-1 Kastner-Jauregui absent

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

a. **Michael Crankshaw, Police Chief**, introduced newly hired Police Officers Dean Beckwith and Jon Dellinger.

3. CONSENT AGENDA Items are approved by one motion. Council Members or members of the public may request consent items be considered separately at a time determined by the Mayor.

The consent agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 4-1 Kastner-Jauregui absent

AYES: Couchman, Nava, Noriega, Wharton
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Kastner-Jauregui
ABSTAIN: None

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: February 16, 2017
February 17, 2017
- b. **Reject** Claim as Recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Claimants: Mary H. Ortiz.
- c. **Authorize** Mayor to Execute Consent to Assignment Pertaining to the Assignment of the La Paloma Unit 1 Development Agreement from Bratton VII, LP to La Paloma Development, Inc.
- d. **Adopt** Resolution No. 2017-11: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 City of Brawley Budget for the City Manager in the Amount of \$10,000.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. **Jaime Silva**, Brawley Elementary School District Superintendent presented a Power Point Presentation entitled Lighting the Way to the Future FOCUS.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Future Election Topics and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2017- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California re: Renewal of the Utility Users Tax in the City of Brawley.

CM Bayon Moore updated the City Council on election related topics and potential action with reference to the State law change of odd years to even years, Utility Users Tax and the two (2) City Council seats that have a term ending November of 2017.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. South Palm Avenue Update – James G. “Jack” Holt, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer*

* A PowerPoint presentation is accessible and on file with the Office of the City Clerk.
- b. Nixle Presentation – Chuck Peraza, Fire Chief*

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- c. Monthly Staff Report for March, 2017 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator
- d. Update on Park Restroom Facilities – Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director*

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7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Summary of Building Permits for January, 2017 – Francisco Soto, Building Official

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- CM Noriega:** Attended Mayor’s Breakfast and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts . Attended the swearing in of Brawley Police Officers.
- CM Wharton:** Attended State of the City Address, Chamber Mixer at DS Art Studio. Congratulated Brawley Union High basketball CIF champions, the wrestling team and girls soccer team for their achievements.
- CM Nava:** Attended Mayor’s Breakfast great event. Thanked staff and the Chamber for the event. Attended the Chamber Mixer, Pioneers Memorial Hospital/Rady’s Children Hospital Press Conference, Imperial County Transportation Commission Meeting. Noted that One World Beef is moving forward.

Mayor Couchman: Attended Mayor’s Breakfast, Chamber Mixer, Police Officer Swearing In, PMH Press Conference. Requested a Graffiti Report in the near future.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- 1) Revisited the Budget Calendar for FY 2017/18
- 2) Announced that the State of California, specifically CalRECYCLE, has been in communication with the City regarding the City’s commercial recycling obligations, specifically as it pertains to apartments. Their focus is the City’s low number of documented recycling services currently in place. This is a topic that will be revisited in the near future.
- 3) Neighborhood House and Accion are working to address business license issues with jurisdictions throughout the Imperial Valley affecting cottage food distribution industries. The City will be participating in a future meeting regarding potential streamlining alternatives.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT None to report

10. CITY CLERK REPORT None to report

11. CLOSED SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Potential Litigation – One (1) Case (California Government Code §54956.9)

12. ADJOURNMENT @7:50pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk